Linking of exchanges in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh with STD and ISD

2567. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the telephone exchanges in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have not yet been connected with STD and ISD facilities;

(b) if so, by when exchanges will be connected with these facilities; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to link all the exchanges with the STD; ISD facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the exchanges are propose to be linked with STD facility during 8th plan period, subject to availability of resources, such as funds, land building, equipment etc.

(c) It is proposed to connect all Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) to the TAX network for provision of S.T.D. facility and all other exchanges below the level of Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) are proposed to be linked with STD facility through Short Distance Charging Centres (SDCCs) on group dialling basis.

issue of commemorative postal stamps

2568. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAM:

CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of the personalities in whose memory postal stamps were issued during the last three years;

(b) to what state did they belong and their category-wise classification; and

(c) what is the reason behind Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra not finding adequate representation in such issues of postal stamps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The particulars are furnished in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Proposals for new commemorative stamps are considered by the Philatelic Advisory Committee which functions in the Department to advice the Government on new stamp releases. The guidelines for issue of commemorative stamps on personalities specify that such stamps should not exceed 25 per cent of the total stamp releases in a year, and that the occasion for such releases could be the birth centenary or 10th, 25th, 50th or 100th death anniversary. The guidelines also specity that the personalities on whom stamps are issued should be of national or International Importance. Issue of commemorative stamps on personalities is not normally decided on regional considerations. Stamps on six personalities from Maharashtra, and one from Andhra Pradesh out of 36 stamps on personalities have been issued during the last 3 years.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the personality	Date of issue	Fields of distinction (category)	State to which they belong
1	2	3	4	5
1991				
1	Jagannath Sunker Sett . .	15-2-91	Social Reformer Educationist	Maharashtra
2	Babu Jagjivan Ram . . .	5-4-91	Freedom Fighter & able administrator	Bihar
3	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar . .	14-4-91	Crusader for social Justice and great legislator	Maharashtra
4	Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar .	18-5-91	Musician	Tamil Nadu
5	Karpoori Thakur . . .	30-5-91	Freedom Fighter able administrator	Bihar
6	Sri Ram Sharma Acharya .	27-6-91	Fresdom fighter, Social reformer	Uttar Prade sh
7	K. Shankar Pillai . . .	31-7-91	Cartoonist	Kerala
8	Sriprakash	3-8-91	Freedom Fighter & Administrator	Uttar Pradesh
9	Gopinath Bardoloi . . .	5-8-91	Freedom Fighter	Assam
10	Rajiv Gandhi	20-8-91	Politician and dynamic Prime Minister.	Uttar Pradesh
11	Jain Muni Mishrimalji . .	24-8-91	Preacher, Social Reformer	Rajasthan
12	Mahadevi Verma . . .	16-9-91	Poetess	Uttar Pradesh
13	Jai Shanker Prasad . . .	16-9-91	Poet & Dramatist	Uttar Pradesh
14	Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya .	29-10-91	Freedom Fighter & Development of Hindi crafts	Karnataka
15	Chithira Tirunal Bala Ram Verma	7-11-91	Benevolent ruler & great reformer of Travancore	Kerala
16	Asit Kumar Haldar . . .	28-12-91	Painter	Bengal
1992				
1	Krushnachandra Gajapati . .	25-4-92	Bsnevolent ruler and leadership in development	Orissa
2	Vijay Singh Pathik . . .	29-4-92	Writer and poet	Uttar Pradesh
3	Henry Gidney	9-5-92	Legislator and leader of Anglo-Indian Community	Maharashtra
4	Udham Singh	31-7-92	Freedom Fighter	Punjab
5	Dr. S. R. Ranganathan . .	30-8-92	Library Science	Tamil Nadu
6	Hanuman Prasad Poddar . .	19-9-92	Editor, Publisher	Uttar Pradesh

1	2	3	4	5
7	Yogiji Maharaj . . .	2-12-92	Spiritual Leadership	Gujarat
8	Rocket Mail-Stephen Smith .	19-12-92	Pioneer in experimenting	Assam
9	Madan Lal Dhingra . . .	28-12-92	Freedom Fighter	Punjab
10	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla . .	31-12-92	Freedom Fighetr Able Administrator	Madhya Pradesh
1993				
1	William Carey	9-1-93	Missionary & Social reformer	(England)
2	Fakir Mohan Senapati . .	14-1-93	Writer	Orissa
3	Rahul Sankrityayan . .	9-4-93	Great Scholar	Uttar Pradesh
4	P.C. Mahalanobis . . .	29-6-93	Statistician & Planner	Bengal
5	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan .	9-8-93	Freedom Fighter	(North West Frontier province)
6	Dwaram Venkateswamy Naidu .	3-11-93	Musician	Andhra Pradesh
7	Dr. Dwarkanath Kotnis . .	9-12-93	Selfless service in medical profession	Maharashtra
8	Meghned Saha	23.12.93	Scientist	Bengal
9	Dinanath Mangeshkar	29.12.93	Dramatist & Musician	Maharashtra
10	Nargis Dutt	30.12.93	Social Worker & renowned acress	Maharashtra

Staff position in postal department

2569. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the staff position of the postal department as a whole excluding Postal Directorate and the Directors of Accounts (Postal);

(b) what was the sanctioned staff position as on the 31st March, 1983 and 31st March, 1993, respectively, in the cadres of PMG, CPMG, Controller, other class I, Class II, and class III and class IV, category-wise;

(c) what is justified staff position as on date as per Estt. 2, base on figure of 92-93 category-wise; and

(d) what is the shortage and surpuls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Deposits in post office schemes

2570. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the total deposits, as on the 31st March, 1993, in the various small saving bank schemes, namely Saving Bank, Schemes, namely Saving Bank, RD, CTD-X, NSS-87, MIS and PPE, respectively;